

bill, by appending at the end of that section, the following proviso:

‘Provided always, That it shall be the duty of the sheriff to supply to the debtor prisoners confined in the said jail, the full value of the money deposited for the subsistence of the said prisoners, in good wholesome food, at the election of the said prisoners.’

And the question thereon being taken, was determined in the negative.

The said bill having been read throughout,

The question was put, Shall the said bill pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative; and the bill was then sent to the senate for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Lee, the bill reported from the committee on internal improvement, to which it had been referred, entitled, An act incorporating the Annapolis and Potomac Canal Company, was taken up for consideration, by a special leave of the house. And in the progress of the second reading thereof,

Mr. Crabb moved to amend the preamble of the bill, by inserting therein, immediately after the words, ‘if in the opinion of the president,’ in the sixth line of said preamble, these words, ‘of the United States.’

Mr. Buskirk offered as a substitute for the proposed amendment, to insert, at the place above designated, the following words, ‘directors and stockholders of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.’

And on the question, Will the house adopt the substitute proposed?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Crabb, the several blanks in the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, eighth, tenth, thirteenth, fourteenth and sixteenth sections of the bill, were filled up in the manner proposed by him.

On motion by Mr. Buskirk, the 13th section of the bill was amended, by erasing therefrom the following words, from the 24th to the 31st lines inclusive, viz. ‘and in every such valuation and assessment of damages, the jury shall be, and they are hereby instructed, to consider in determining and fixing the amount thereof, the benefit which will accrue to the owner from conducting the said canal through or erecting any of the said works upon his land, and to regulate their verdict thereby, except that no assessment shall require any such owner to pay or contribute any thing to the said company, where such benefit shall exceed, in the estimate of the jury, the value and damages ascertained as aforesaid.’